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PETITION FOR ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME - 37 CFR § 1.136(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(b) for a **one (1) month extension of time** to respond to the "Decision on Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment" mailed May 21, 2004.

The original shortened response period expired July 21, 2004; however, additional time to respond may still be granted under the patent statute.

The reasons for requesting the time extension are as follows:

- a. The applicant filed a Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment in August 2003, but the Office did not act on same until May of 2004.
- b. In April 2004 the applicant began the process of changing patent counsel.
- c. The applicant's former counsel did not receive and/or did not forward to the applicant or applicant's new counsel the May 21, 2004 "Decision on Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment."
- d. The applicant's new counsel independently learned of the "Decision on Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment" via PAIR on or about August 4, 2004 and has acted diligently since then to prepare and file the enclosed "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81."

Certificate of Mailing - 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence (and all items indicated herein as being enclosed) is (are) being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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It is believed that no petition fee is required, but any fee now due should be charged to Deposit Account 06-0308.

The undersigned attorney has filed a Power of Attorney concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven M. Haas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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